

POCAHONTAS TIMES.

W. A. Bratton is able to be out after a serious illness of three weeks.

Mr. Price, of New Market, was in Marlinton over Sunday, a guest of S. B. Wallace.

Mayor Siple, of Cass, spent Sunday in town with his sister Mrs. Samuel Sheet.

John Wade, of Drisco, was in Marlinton Tuesday, preparing to emigrate to Oklahoma.

R. B. Kerr, A. M. Oliver and Frank Houchins, of Durbin were in town Tuesday, attending County Court.

Hon. J. M. Price of Ronceverte paid Marlinton a business and social visit between trains on Monday.

Mrs. A. I. Clark, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Yeager, returned to her home at Academy Friday.

Hammond Mann has sold his property in West Marlinton and will move to the Curry place on Stoney Creek.

E. L. and M. L. Beard while in town Tuesday reported little or no change in the precarious condition of their father's health.

C. J. Richardson was called to Hot Springs Saturday by the serious illness of Mrs. Dr. Richardson, whose life has been despaired of.

J. P. Beard was here this week on business connected with the buying of a car load of wire fence for himself and other farmers of the Levels.

Mr. Cornell, of Cumberland, who has the building for the United States Tannery has arrived. Pat Simmons has secured contract to plaster twelve of the houses.

A phenomenal clap of thunder happened around Marlinton Tuesday morning before day, which shook buildings to their foundations and rattled windows in an alarming manner. At the telephone station nine or ten lines were burned out, but thanks to safety appliances, slight damage was done.

G. W. and G. D. Oliver, Jessie Warwick and C. L. Burner of Cass were here Tuesday in the interest of the proposed road from Cass to Greenbank. The Court decreed that it should be built. The work was not let to contract, but Jessie Warwick was appointed supervisor and authorized to hire labor and build it.

Knaps Creek, becoming high Monday night from the melting snows, quietly moved out the big ice jam and the residents of East Marlinton were surprised to see once again the waters in their usual channel, only to find the walk and all the roads were lower and deeper than before. Only a part has come out of the creek, but the recent spring like days have melted it so much that little uneasiness is felt.

O'Connel has a force of men breaking ice gorges in the Creek preparatory to breaking his landing when a rain comes. By the help of splashes he hopes to get out of the creek on a medium tide although his drive is made up of perhaps the best white pine ever cut in Pocahontas, some of the logs measuring fifty-five and sixty inches in diameter. No arks will be built, but camp cars are to be utilized, the local freight moving them from siding to siding at the convenience of the driving crew requires.

Died, at his home on Greenbrier near Beard, D. J. Cochran, aged about 75 years, on Friday, February 26, 1904. Mr. Cochran was a Union soldier during the war between the States. He accumulated considerable property and raised a large family. He was a member of the Methodist church. His wife was a Miss Dufield, who survives him. Among his children are A. G. and Lincoln Cochran, Mrs. A. B. McComb, Mrs. Henry McComb, Miss Clara Cochran and a son in the West.

County Court Proceedings

County Court met Tuesday and was in session two days, with Dr. Ligon, President, with Commissioners McNeil and Barlow present.

CLAIM ALLOWED.

J. A. Sharp, \$12.75, Lumber. E. D. King, \$28.50 repairing Court House.

L. M. McClellan, Attorney Manly Manufacturing Company, \$230.25, balance due on Court House.

Payne & Clark, \$2.30. Wm. Wilson, \$3.50, wood.

J. W. Oliver, Road Superintendent, \$51.00.

John D. Gay, Road Supt., \$26.21.

W. H. Grose, \$5.00 examining jail.

N. C. McNeil, \$5.00, same. Dr. J. W. Price, \$5.00, same. George Baxter, \$3.40 witness fee.

J. H. Patterson and Andrew Price commissioners to ascertain county's financial condition report accepted and allowed \$25 each.

T. S. McNeil, \$7.75 water work account.

J. C. Harper, Road Superintendent, \$18.95.

F. R. Hunter \$129 insuring Court House.

Chas. G. Larew, \$129, insuring Court House.

County road ordered established through lands of V. C. Burner and St. Lawrence Company between Cass and Green Bank.

S. B. Wallace & Company granted license to carry on business as a drug store the ensuing year.

G. M. Kee, W. M. Sharp and George McCollum viewers to pass upon the discontinuance of Laurel Mountain road.

J. Woods Price and J. Willis Baxter commissioners to examine clerks office.

C. L. Austin granted license to carry on a drug store in town of Cass.

Dry Branch road let to contract to W. H. Brady for \$75.00.

Jessie Warwick appointed road superintendent of Green Bank district in place of J. W. Oliver resigned.

All bids on the Deer Creek road rejected no bonds being filed Jessie Warwick, Road Superintendent, ordered to hire labor and construct road.

Fred S. Bock qualified as Notary Public.

P. D. Yeager appointed constable for Edray District.

Adamson and Mallow relieved from erroneous taxation.

Nannie E. Echoles relieved from erroneous taxation.

M. F. Gum appointed Road Superintendent for Little Leveis District in place of John L. Cleek.

Smoke Stack Completed

The smoke stack at the Tannery has been built to the required 150 feet, and all that remains is to adjust the copper cable lightning rod. This is done by taking the rod to the top of the stack, and a man comes down on the outside on a rope to guide it and fit the insulators. The workmen have had

the ticklish job working so

close to the ground on a wall

so narrow in thickness which

swayed with every passing wind,

but they were not made nearly so

nervous by their precarious position

as we who stood on solid

ground and looked up at them.

There came near being an acci-

dent there last week. The Super-

intendent Mr. Calahan, had gone

up to review the work and was

standing in the bucket used in

hauling up bricks and mortar

when the horses suddenly started

and the bucket was pulled to the

top of the mast and Mr. Calahan

only saved himself by catching

hold of the mast when the bucket

turned over. We understand an

employee of this same company

was thrown from a stack in a like

manner and killed only a few

days ago. The stack builders

disdain the idea of their falling

off or that their business is any

more dangerous than many others,

but they do not go upon the stack

in windy weather, when it sways

at the top about a foot, or allow

any one to go upon it at any time,

and few there be that want to.

Every stack builder has exper-

ience to relate of narrow escapes

from falling, and not a one of

them expects to die in bed. An in-

stance is related wherein a man

fell 130 feet and went to

work the next day.

Mrs. Uriah Bird who has been

very sick is better.

The Campbell's are Coming.

The Campbell Company owning thousands of acres of spruce on Williams river, are expected here this month to begin operations. It has been decided that their large saw mill and extract works will be located at or near Marlinton, and a railway will be built to their holdings on Williams River through the Stoney Creek Gap on the route surveyed by the Wabash Company. An office and dwelling house has been rented on Camden Avenue, and all preparations are being made to begin work as soon as weather conditions will admit. This Company owns a mill of the capacity of over a hundred thousand feet of timber daily and many miles of railway. This will be moved to Marlinton as soon as the manufacturing of the timber at their present site is accomplished, which will require a few months more. In the meantime a smaller mill will be put in at Marlinton to saw necessary lumber for the erection of houses, sheds and other structures, and the grading done on the proposed railway. This industry will give employment to over five hundred men in the woods, mill and extract works.

Tannery at Durbin.

The Pocahontas Tanning Company has decided to build a large

tannery at Durbin the coming season to begin immediately.

It has not been given out where the exact site of the plant is to be, but it will either be located in Durbin proper or above the "Narrows." The superintendent, J. W. Goodless, has arrived and bought A. M. Oliver's property, which will be fitted up for a company store. A \$10,000 stock of goods will be installed by April first. The tannery to be erected will be a large one, employing a large number of hands the whole year, and during the bark season the number will be increased to several hundred. The Pocahontas Tanning Company is composed of the Hoffmans of Gorman, one of the largest independent tanning companies. They own about 150,000 acres of timber in Pocahontas, Randolph and Highland counties. The coming season will see the beginning of the development of this immense timber wealth, meaning prosperity for the Greenbrier Valley as we never saw it before.

Thomas Edgar Dead

Died at Mt. Airy, the home of his brother, Thomas Edgar, Thursday February 25, 1904, aged 62 years, of pneumonia. Mr. Edgar was a Confederate soldier in Edgar's Battalion, and had by judicious economy amassed a large fortune during his life time. He was never married, making his home with his brother Captain Edgar. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Sydenstricker, interment taking place at the Falling Springs grave yard, on Sunday. Mr. Edgar was a man well liked for his genial disposition and he will be missed by many friends.

The Deer Creek Road.

The county court at its session this week decided to build the Deer Creek road leading down Deer Creek to Cass. This will be of great benefit to the people of Greenbank District and especially to the towns of Greenbank and Cass. Two bids were received, one for \$4000 and the other for \$4030. Both were rejected and the road superintendent of Greenbank District was directed to build the road.

Dental Notice.

Dr. E. B. Hill wishes to announce to his practice and friends, that he will be in his office only twelve days this month.

Several large strings of suckers

have been caught, the late mild

days.

Clark Gum, of Frost, has bought Geo. S. Taylor's shop and residence in West Marlinton, and will move his family here April 1st. Mr. Taylor is contemplating emigrating to the State of Washington.

D. W. Dever and J. H. Lantz were visitors Monday, on business pertaining to the sale of Mr. Dever's personal property. Mr. Dever expects to go to Colorado in search of a climate better suited to his health.

Mr. Uriah Bird who has been

very sick is better.

Two Hurt by Falling Timber.

Last Wednesday, Charles Coombs, who lives with his father on Laurel Creek, was struck by a falling tree and severely injured about the head. A tree in falling knocked down another, and it was from this second tree he received his injuries. Dr. Norman R. Price was summoned and dressed the wounds, which consisted of a two and a half inch cut, closed by three stitches, and a severe concussion of the brain.

The following day, Mr. Amisade Coombs, a scarred veteran of the Confederacy, having a stiff leg from a shot wound received while a member of McNeill's Rangers, was with the men cutting for Jacob Coombs. A tree had been cut which loosened but did not entirely break off a large white oak limb. Several men, Mr. Coombs among them, began working on the fallen tree when the limb that had been left hanging crashed down among them striking Mr. Coombs a crushing blow on shoulder and back, and barely missing two other men who saved themselves by their agility. His shoulder and collar bone and two ribs were broken. He has suffered a great deal from these serious injuries, but is reported on a fair way towards recovery.

Hosertman.

We are having very nice weather, but the immense ice gorges are not moved yet and it will take quite a flood to move it out.

Grip is making its appearance in this part, a great many are afflicted with this dreaded disease.

Otto Wade met with a very

painful accident while chopping

wood a stick struck him in the

eye, near the sight he came near

loosing it, and being totally blind

in the other eye, it would have

been very bad.

Clark Hiner lost a fine horse

by it being crippled in the woods,

only a short time ago his cow was

killed by the railroad.

Mrs. Spencer of Virginia, is

visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robt.

Kibler.

Walter Spencer has gone to

Cheat Camp.

J. A. Sheets stopped in Hosertman on his way to Smith & Whiting Camp.

Squire Hudson was a pleasant

visitor in town, he is always jolly

and has a kind word for everyone.

Mrs. Rosa, Mrs. Thos. Lynch's

sister went home after some

weeks stay.

Will Cassel's family are much

better, also Squire Heavner is

able to be out again.

Thos. Motes and Dr. Musser of

Penn. were stopping with K. H.